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# Ma Ma Messages

Ma Ma Creek State School

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## Dear Parents and Carers,

After my first week at the school, I would like to introduce myself and say how warmly welcomed I have already felt by students, staff and families. It has been a wonderful start, and I am excited to be joining such a supportive and caring school community.

Having spent much of my career working in small schools, I have a strong appreciation for the sense of connection and belonging they create. I am passionate about ensuring every student has the opportunity to succeed through strong foundations in literacy and numeracy, while also nurturing curiosity, confidence and a love of learning.

As an educator and leader, I believe in high expectations, positive relationships and creating an environment where every student feels safe, valued and supported to achieve their personal best. I also value teamwork, open communication and continuous improvement, and I look forward to working alongside students, staff and families to build on the many strengths of our school.

One of the things that has already impressed me most is the way our students and staff consistently demonstrate our **RISE** values in their everyday actions. From the classroom to the playground, there are countless examples of students showing respect, integrity, striving for success and giving their best effort.

This week, our focus is on the '**I**' in **RISE** – **Integrity**. Integrity is about being honest, taking responsibility for our actions and doing the right thing, even when no one is watching. As a school, we will continue to encourage and celebrate these behaviours as we work together to ensure our words, actions and decisions reflect our values every day.

## Up Coming Event Reminders:

### Book Week

A reminder that we will be celebrating **Book Week** in Week 7 with this year's theme, '**Symphony of Stories**'. Students are encouraged to bring along their favourite book to share and dress as their favourite book character for our **Book Week Parade on Thursday, 27 August**. We look forward to see-

ing a wonderful variety of creative costumes and favourite stories.

### Instrumental Music Camp

A reminder to families of our instrumental music students that the **Instrumental Music Camp** will take place on **Tuesday, 18 August at Laidley State High School**. The day will conclude with a **concert and BBQ**, providing students with the opportunity to showcase what they have learned. Families of students in **Years 2 and 3** are also invited to attend to learn more about the instrumental music program.

- **Food and drinks available from 3:30pm**  
**Concert begins at 5:00pm and runs for approximately one hour**

### Father's Day Golf Afternoon

Don't forget to mark your calendars for our **Father's Day Golf Afternoon and Sausage Sizzle** on **Thursday, 3 September** at the **Gatton Jubilee Golf Course**. We welcome dads, granddads, uncles, carers and other special family members to join us, along with the Mt Whitestone school community, for an enjoyable afternoon featuring three holes of golf and plenty of fun.

### Ball Games Carnival

The next **Caffey Small Schools** event, the **Ball Games Carnival**, will be held at **Mt Whitestone State School on Thursday, 17 September**. Students will begin practising over the coming weeks as they prepare for a fun-filled day of ball games, teamwork and friendly competition. We look forward to another fantastic small schools event.

**R**espect

**I**ntegrity

**S**afety

**E**ffort



Hi everyone,

Week 5, or perhaps even week 6 by the time you read this, of Term 3. The time certainly flies.

This term is very full. For some schools, there are camps, for others, all sorts of athletics and sports. Caffey Sports Day was another great success and it was a good time to catch up with some families too. To all of the organisers, staff, volunteers, families and children, well done.

Later this term one of our chaplains, Janine, and myself are holding a "Meet the chaplain and social worker morning tea".at the Ma Ma Creek Community hall. The date is Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2026, and the time is from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM. Please, feel free to come along, have a chat, ask all those questions that you may be holding on to. We may even have some of the best home-baked banana and chocolate chips muffins you could hope for as well.

**This week, I want to share with one resource, and one only.** I encourage every parent to have a look at this YouTube channel: Mr Rogers Neighborhood. Here's the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/@MisterRogersNeighborhood>

Fred Rogers was an American television personality, minister, and the creator and host of the preschool television series "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood", which ran from 1968 to 2001. There is a great richness and diversity of social and emotional learning in all of the videos. For those of you who are familiar with the Daniel Tiger series, you may recognise the original Daniel Tiger in the videos.

Thanks for your time reading and thinking about this.

Shane

Social Worker

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***Sometimes, teachers must also act as  
parents.***

***Always, parents are children's first  
teachers.***

# Dates to Remember

|                                     |                       |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| School Opinion Survey               | July 27 - August 21   |
| Playgroup                           | Thursdays 9am         |
| Instrumental Music Camp and Concert | Tuesday - August 18   |
| Book Week Parade                    | Thursday August 27    |
| Father's Day Golf Afternoon         | Thursday September 3  |
| Student Free Day                    | Friday September 4    |
| Ball Games                          | Thursday September 17 |
| Last Day of Term 3                  | Friday September 18   |
| First Day of Term 4                 | Tuesday - October 6   |



Can't wait to see everyone next week for lots of fun and adventures.



## Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students for achieving Student of the week!

**P-2- Cooper** - Putting in best effort in class.

**3-6 - Lion** - For showing persistence with challenging maths tasks.





## What's been happening

It is hard to believe how quickly this year has gone. With week 5 coming around it has meant we have fair-welled Mr DeMey and welcomed Mrs Fea. I wish them both the best in this season of life.

It was a pleasure to come in week 4 to celebrate Miss Juie and Miss Leona as we officially thanked them for all they have given to our school community. What a lovely afternoon we all had.



The Ma Ma Creek Markets was held on the 2nd Saturday and the Chappy Op shop was there. It is great to connect with the community and also raise some funds towards my role. At the end of each year I assess what funds are available and this influences how many hours I am able to be at school the following year. We have recently had a very generous donor inject funds into the Lockyer Valley chaplaincy and it has meant over \$600 has been added to each of my school's accounts. It all adds up.

**Chappy Awards** – At this week's parade I handed out a Chappy Award to **Riley-Jayne** from week 1 (who was away then), **Verity** and **Callan** for week 2, and **Magnolia** and **Leo** for week 5. Well done to each one of you for your great effort.

**In the well being space** – The Preps continue to embrace Rock and Water and learning to stand strong so well. Ask them to show you how they "stand strong". They have been learning rhythm and team work over the last week or so.

The You Can Do It program for the 1-6 cohort has had a focus around resilience and the emotional thermometer. The students have been reflecting on their own reactions to scenarios, and using a thermometer to think about how big their emotions get in different situations. It is important to understand our emotions and how big they are getting so that we can regulate. Resilience is about thinking positively, feeling calm and being confident.

## Chappy Tips & Support

On Wednesday I was able to attend this term's training day with other school chaplains in the area. One topic was to reflect on the difference between being effective versus busy. It was challenging to think about what is in my calendar and whether it was effective towards my life and my role or was it just making me busy and maybe could be removed. Sometimes we need to say no to good things and only say yes to the right things. It can be hard to say no to something that is good and for many reasons would be nice to be involved with but when you sit back and assess it, it is just adding "busy" to your life and is not beneficial to what your focus should be.

You may have recently heard that ADRA Lockyer Food Pantry has ceased operating. This has been sad news. However, I have found out that the Soup Kitchen is still running on Monday evenings (apart from the 4th Monday), out of the Seventh Day Adventist Church building. So, if you or you know someone who could benefit from a free hot meal on a Monday evening, please keep this in mind.

## Fund Raising & Support

**Prawns** – Please see the flyer sent home in the diaries. Orders with payment are due 21/08/26.

**Coffee** – You can order coffee and support chaplaincy at Ma Ma Creek State School. Just go to this website. <https://chaplainscoffee.com.au/31119503529>

**Honey** – 1KG bottles for \$12 and 3KG for \$30. I will have more soon.

**Juice** – The top shelf, amazing, Chappy Juice is in the office for \$10 a bottle.



**Donations** - If you would like to directly support Chaplaincy at Ma Ma Creek State School go to <https://su.org.au/donate/ma-ma-creek-ss-chaplaincy-non-tax-deductible/>

**Thank you for allowing me to support your children...**

**Chappy Neen** [janine.green@suchaplaincy.org.au](mailto:janine.green@suchaplaincy.org.au)

Ma Ma Creek every Tuesday, and also Thursdays on week 1,3,5,7,9.

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# Chappy and Social Worker News

YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR "MEET THE  
CHAPLAIN AND SOCIAL WORKER"

## MORNING TEA



Join us for tea, coffee, some  
nicely baked special treats  
and some great  
conversations

THURSDAY  
10.09.2026

AT 10 AM - 11.30 PM  
MA MA CREEK COMMUNITY  
HALL - WE WILL BE ON THE  
GRASSED AREA ON THE  
SOUTHERN SIDE OF THE  
HALL

RSVP NOT REQUIRED

# Fundraiser



— FOR SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY —

## SUPPORTING Chappy Neen

*Making a difference. Supporting students.*

3KG BOXES OF  
**FROZEN  
PRAWNS**

FROM JACOBS WELL 

**\$70**

A BOX



ORDERS WITH PAYMENT

**DUE BY FRIDAY  
21ST OF AUGUST**



 **DELIVERY DATE  
TO BE ADVISED**



FROZEN  
FOR FRESHNESS

*See Chappy Neen*

FOR MORE INFORMATION

SUPPORTING STUDENTS  BUILDING CONNECTIONS  MAKING A DIFFERENCE



# Kids Corner



# P&C News

Hello Ma Ma Creek families!

Last week, our team and families headed to Tent Hill pub, for the meat tray raffles. You all did an amazing job, thank you to all that went and helped on the night. A big shout out to the families that contributed by purchasing meat trays on the night, for us to raffle off. This allows us to make more profit throughout the night, thank you all for your support.

Our Father's Day raffle is in full swing, we have advertising over socials, mail drop of flyers, advert on River 94.9 website, on local notice boards and next week on the 20<sup>th</sup> there will be a blurb in the Lockyer Independent newspaper. This is one of our biggest and most important fundraisers of the year, especially with there being no trivia event this year. Every ticket sold helps us provide towards camps/excursions and contribute to upgrades on the front of the school that benefits every single student.

Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Please see Bianca if you would like more tickets throughout the event. Every ticket sold brings us closer to our goal. There are some fantastic prizes to be won, that many amazing generous businesses have donated towards.

Let's all work together as one big family and make the absolute most out of this fantastic opportunity we have been given.

Last week Vicki handed out submission forms, towards the P&C's almanac book. If anyone has any questions, please have a chat with Vicki, I feel this would be a fabulous addition to our school and look forward to seeing all the ideas and the design that Vicki has been working on.

If anyone can spare a couple of hours, helping sell raffle tickets, we will be at Heildon markets on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August. Please see Sarah if you can lend her a hand on that day.

We also have a few dates, that I would appreciate some help whilst selling at IGA. We will be there on the 27<sup>th</sup> of August and the 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> of September. Please come find me, if you are able to lend sometime.

Come along to our next meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> of August, to find out what's happening for the remainder of the year.

Thank you all for your hard work, dedication and continued support.

Have a great weekend.

Bianca Weir

Ma Ma Creek P&C President

**MA MA CREEK SS P&C**

**BBQ**

**BONANZA**

**FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE**

**TICKETS**  
★ **\$5** EACH OR  
5 FOR **\$20**

★ **OVER** ★  
**\$2,000**  
★ **WORTH OF PRIZES** ★

★ **DRAWN ON THE** ★  
**5<sup>TH</sup>** OF SEPTEMBER  
WINNER CONTACTED VIA PHONE.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO PURCHASE TICKETS  
OR POP INTO THE SCHOOL,  
GRANTHAM STORE, RDO GATTON AND  
VALLEY FENCING.  
CASH AND CARD AVAILABLE.

★ AT IGA ON THE **27<sup>TH</sup>** OF AUGUST & **3-4<sup>TH</sup>** OF SEPTEMBER. ★

# Community News



## THE BILLY CART BUSH BASH

**SATURDAY 22ND AUGUST 2026**  
**MURPHY'S CREEK ESCAPE**

A fun-filled day of family, friends and fast wheels!  
Design and create your own Billy Cart and put it to the test on race day.

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### RACE CATEGORIES

|                                                                |                     |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| ★ BEST DRESSED<br>BILLY CART AND DRIVER                        | 👤 10-18 YEARS       |
| 👥 FAMILY EVENT<br>(UP TO 4 PARTICIPANTS - 3 LAPS)              | 👤 ADULT 18+         |
| 👤 UNDER 10'S<br>(SHORTER COURSE)                               | 👤 SENIORS (OVER 50) |
| 🏢 BUSINESS / CORPORATE TEAM EVENT<br>(4 PARTICIPANTS - 3 LAPS) | 🏢 SCHOOL CLUB       |

**DESIGN & CREATE  
YOUR OWN BILLY CART  
AND ENTER IT!**

**TROPHIES  
AND GREAT  
PRIZES UP  
FOR GRABS!**

### RAISING FUNDS FOR WILDLIFE RESCUE, REHAB & EDUCATION

Funds raised will help cover the high cost of rescuing, rehabilitating and caring for injured and orphaned wildlife including koalas, echidnas, gliders, amphibians, reptiles and birds of prey.



**BOOK YOUR SPOT TODAY!**

**BOOK ONLINE:**  
[www.murphyscreekscape.com.au/the-billy-cart-bush-bash/](http://www.murphyscreekscape.com.au/the-billy-cart-bush-bash/)

**A COMMUNITY EVENT FOR A GREATER CAUSE!**  
*Let's race, have fun and make a difference together.*

## JOIN US AT YOGA

for stretching, movement and relaxation

 **WEDNESDAY MORNINGS**  
 **9:30 - 10:45 AM**  
 **At Ma Ma Creek Community Hall**

 **ZOOM SESSIONS** with experienced Instructor Pamela Walker (from Brisbane)

**SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES & ABILITY LEVELS**  
No experience needed

**\$10 PER SESSION**  
Cash accepted or pay via direct debit on the day

Bring a Yoga mat and any props 

# Community News

HeartFit exercise classes have become a regular feature at Ma Ma Creek Hall on Tuesdays from 6 to 7 pm. It's never too late to join our friendly group. Nerina's great music and the fact that you can work at your own pace makes it a perfect starting point for your good intentions about getting fit. First class is free, then \$11 per session or a \$50 card for 5 sessions.

Please also see our Ma Ma Creek Yoga poster in this newsletter.

Last Sunday was the first of a monthly dance lesson with Peter and Helen, it was well attended and everyone had lots of fun. It is suitable for total beginners. The next one will be on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September from 2 to approximately 4 pm. It costs \$12 per person and \$6 for children. Everyone is most welcome, if you would like to know more please ring the "Up the Creek Social Dance Group" on 0407236650. Our aim is to make learning to dance lots of fun!

If you are interested in purchasing a "90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ma Ma Creek Exhibition" book and/or shopping bag for \$25(book) \$5(bag), please contact Eva on 0467 566 632.

WHY NOT DO A SPRING CLEAN OUT and have a stall at the next Ma Ma Creek Community Markets on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> September from 8 – 12. Stalls are only \$10 and you will be able to do all your vegetable shopping etc. there. Please contact Eva on 0467 566 632 for details.

**FREE ENTRY**

**Gatton Kindy**

**BIKE-A-THON FETE**

**SATURDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

**MULTI-DRAW RAFFLE**  
**MAJOR PRIZE -**  
**\$500 BIG4 VOUCHER**

**WATCH THE KINDY KIDS RIDE FROM 9:30AM - 10AM THEN JOIN IN THE FETE FUN FROM 10AM - 12PM**

**THE BOY & GIRL WITH THE MOST RAFFLE TICKETS SOLD WILL WIN A PRIZE!!!!**

**JOIN US AT 19 NORTH STREET GATTON**  
**EVERYONE IS WELCOME FOR A FAMILY FUN DAY OUT!**

**FUN FETE GAMES**  
FACE PAINTING  
GLITTER TATTOOS  
BALLOON TWISTER  
PETTING ZOO  
BAKE SALE  
FRESH POPCORN  
FRESH VEGGIE STAND  
FAIRY FLOSS  
SLUSHIES  
SAUSAGE SIZZLE  
COLD DRINKS  
MEET & GREET EDUCATORS  
JUMPING CASTLE  
EFTPOS AVAILABLE